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1. [] called to say that Congressman Frank M. Harsten (D., Mo.) had written a letter to FAA asking whether it was true that all U-2 aircraft had been grounded for an oxygen equipment check. FAA has forwarded the letter which was dated 9 May to NASA and NASA had contacted OPD on it. [] wondered if we thought it feasible to have one of the Congressmen who had attended Monday's briefing on the plane incident contact Harsten advising him that appropriate committees of the Congress had been briefed on this matter and suggesting that Harsten not pursue this matter further. We suggested as an alternative that NASA draft a reasonable answer to this fairly innocuous inquiry and clear it with the State Department. If such an answer should not satisfy Mr. Harsten, then we could consider other possibilities including the one [] suggested. [] said he would try to handle the inquiry on this basis.

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4. [] Watch Office, called and said they had just received an AP item indicating that 17 proposals aimed at tightening legislative control over the CIA have been quietly pigeon-holed. [] is forwarding this item to us.

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